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DEMOCRACY OVER AUTOCRACY

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I was pleased to join the Hoyer codel to Europe, which included a number of countries and also the border between Poland and Ukraine. That is why I am stunned by the remarks of Foreign Minister Lavrov, who indicates that, "Russia warns of nuclear war risks as Ukraine talks go on."

Let me speak directly to Foreign Minister Lavrov. Maybe Russia should stop the bestiality, the cruelty, the brutality of this war, the killing of children and seniors, and leaving people to starve, and leaving their soldiers on the battlefield.

It is important that peace talks have an opportunity but saber-rattling gets you nowhere. And frankly, you would be as much afraid of a nuclear outright war than anyone else. Ukraine has a right to be a sovereign-free nation. Their children have a right to grow up free in this world, and democracy has a right to exist over autocracy.

I believe this is Putin's war, a senseless, vile, and violent war.

Thank you to the strength of the people of Ukraine. It is important that the Biden administration do as they have done. We should applaud them for what they are doing, as well as acknowledge what Germany is now doing in providing the air-to-ground weapons.

Stand with Ukraine and stop the saber-rattling.

Russia, stop the war.

TRAGEDY AND CRISIS AT OUR BORDER

(Mr. MEUSER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, we have a continued tragedy and crisis at our border.

Since President Biden took office, over 2.2 million illegal immigrants have been apprehended at the southern border. In March alone, there were over 220,000 illegal encounters at our border, a 600 percent or so increase since 2020.

Madam Speaker, the Biden administration's complete disregard for their obligation to secure our border is having tragic impacts on America and in the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, in fact, today in a briefing on title 42, the Biden administration did not lay out a plan on how they were going to prevent an overwhelming surge at our southern border from lifting of title 42, but instead describe their efforts to increase the number of accommodations, buses, and secret plane flights that have occurred in my district, and they will need to move the mass number of illegals coming into our country.

These are reckless, inhumane policies. They need to be stopped. They need to be corrected. And this House—both Republicans and Democrats—need to stand up for our citizens.

CRISIS AT OUR BORDER

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to report on what I did during my time off. I spent time at the Mexican border, both in San Diego and Yuma, and received a further shock, if that is possible, on what I think is the most important story facing America today. Indeed, every reporter or every major news organization ought to have somebody making daily reports on the border.

Two weeks ago tonight, in Yuma, I saw two groups—about 80 people—crossing the border. So you understand, those people were from Colombia, Venezuela, Peru, Cuba, Bangladesh, India, and Uzbekistan. In other words, the whole world is coming here.

Because of the huge amount of paperwork, the average Border Patrol agent reports to work, and unlike immediately guarding the border, like they should, 70 percent of them are doing paperwork. At the end of their shift, 90 percent are doing paperwork.

For that reason, it is not surprising the confiscation of drugs is going down—not because there are less drugs coming into our country and killing 100,000 people a year. The reason so few drugs are being confiscated is we have a shortage of Border Patrol agents and they have got to spend all their time doing paperwork.

Madam Speaker, I beg the rest of my colleagues to go to the border and learn about this.

VFW POST 660

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90th birthday of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 660 in Savannah.

Post 660 is the oldest veteran service organization in Savannah and has helped the veteran community tremendously through fellowship, charity, and patriotism.

The VFW Organization traces its roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service.

Since then, the VFW has aided countless veterans in their post-service life and continue to carry on the legacy of service. Post 660 in Savannah has been a prime example of what the organization was founded on and what it set out to do. The VFW has raised money for

memorials, such as the Vietnam and Korean War memorials in Washington, D.C.

It has also worked with the Veteran's Administration to craft the GI Bill for the 20th century. These feats are only a few that speak to the impact this organization has had on our community and our country.

I thank and congratulate VFW Post 660 for their 90 years of service to Savannah's veterans, and I look forward to the years to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MADELEINE ALBRIGHT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. JACOBS of California). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I ask for unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on the subject of the Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR).

UKRAINE DEMOCRACY DEFENSE LEND-LEASE ACT

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight to urge passage of the Lend-Lease Act for Ukraine. I think Madeleine Albright would like this very much.

Putin's unprovoked war on the sovereign nation of Ukraine is an attack on freedom-loving people around our globe. Not since the costly tragic wars of the 20th century has the world seen such a test of liberty's survival.

The Lend-Lease is an uncommon tool for uncommon times. These are uncommon times.

Justice Franklin Roosevelt marshaled U.S. arms for the aid of our allies in World War II. We must now marshal those same resources to defeat a tyrant seeking to rebuild his fallen, tyrannical empire.

Ukraine is the scrimmage line for liberty on the European Continent. If the world allows Putin to claw Ukraine under his command, our Central and Eastern European allies may very well be next.

The time to act is now. Pass the Lend-Lease Act. Arm Ukraine. Defeat the Russian war machine. The fate of liberty rests in the balance. This is our watch in freedom's defense. Let us meet this test.

Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman very much for yielding time.

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of our country's greatest public servants and diplomats.